

Discussion of Claim 26

At the interview, the Examiner requested a discussion of Claim 26 in view of the term "refresh". Applicant has amended Claim 26 to comport with the terminology of the other independent claims, and, therefore, submits that a further discussion is not necessary.

Discussion of the Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and § 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 9-16, 19, 20, and 23-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Douglas, et al. (Douglas), U.S. Patent No. 5,652,908. Claims 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Douglas.

Douglas recites configuration data stored at a configuration data database (162, Figure 1). The configuration data is defined at Column 4, lines 29-39, and includes a description of each resource (102,104,106), i.e., mainframe computer (Col. 3, lines 36-39), and primary and fallback access paths to the mainframes. Each mainframe computer is connected to at least one server computer, which are further connected to client workstations provided as consoles for operator use. The client workstations interconnect to the server computers by a dual Token Ring LAN. Also connected to the LAN is a control server (160) which manages the LAN based upon the configuration data in the database (162). In contrast, Applicant's invention is concerned with retrieving and/or updating server system status conditions.

In Douglas, the figures show connecting a first computer and a second computer by a Token Ring local area network (LAN). However, the figures do not describe or suggest a method to update or modify an environmental status setting, such as a fan speed threshold, by a client computer. The figures show no capability to update an environmental status setting. The update of configuration data identified by the Examiner at Col. 6, lines 45-67 is of the configuration database (162). See Figure 9 (Douglas). In contrast, Applicant's invention updates environmental status settings at the first (server) computer. Further, Douglas does not describe monitoring or retrieving system status items (e.g., temperature or cooling fan status). There is no suggestion in the text regarding the capability to update and/or retrieve an environmental status setting. Thus, while Douglas does describe a method of connecting a first computer and a second computer, it does not teach a method of updating and/or retrieving an environmental status setting.

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Therefore, there is no teaching, suggestion or motivation in Douglas to one reasonably skilled in the art to actively update or modify the environmental status settings of the first computer from a second remote computer via a remote interface. Thus, Applicant maintains that the claimed system is not anticipated and would not have been made obvious by Douglas.

In view of the discussion during the personal interview, and the above amendments and comments, it is respectfully submitted that all Claims 1-35 are clearly distinguished from the cited art and are patentable.

Conclusion

By this amendment, Applicant has amended the claims. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-35 of the above-identified application are in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner finds any further impediment to allowing all claims that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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